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DUNDEE, SCOTLAND, recently had the pleasing opportunity of offering to the judge of the Assizes a pair of gloves in honor of the fact that there were no criminals to be tried.

GAMBETTA is very modest in his opinion that men ought not to draw carriages, and he utterly refused to allow his admirers at Honfleur to substitute themselves for his horses.

THE TEMPERANCE ELEMENT is not just the ticket for Milwaukee. The German journals of that city are explaining this fact pretty forcibly as a warning to the Republican party of the State.

THE CONGRESS OF AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES, now sitting at Madrid, will probably be the means of making available to the historic student a vast quantity of documents preserved in the Crown archives at Simancas and Seville.

JAY GOULD has two ways of communicating with the public. One is by means of interviews in the New York World that are supposed to reflect his own views, and then by means of editorials that reflect the views of the paper. You pay your money and you take your choice.

WOLVES STILL LURK in France despite the efforts of a special force maintained to insure their destruction. It is now thought that the most effective means of getting rid of the animal will be by abolishing this class of officials. No one will then be interested in preserving them, and they will be utterly annihilated by the farmers and local police.

AN ENGLISH SCIENTIST says that the true seat of the mind is the whole body. Perhaps this is the solution of our ever present difficulty with managing it, for it lies about so loose that it cannot be gathered up. Macbeth's witch felt it in her thumb, and other people may have it in different spots.

AN ENGLISH CHEMIST has analyzed the water of the holy well of Mecca, and considers it vile with sewage. This water is drunk as a pious duty by the pilgrims, and is sent as of precious value throughout all Mohammedan countries. The impurities contained within it would alone be almost sufficient to explain the prevalence of cholera in the East.

WHILE SERIOUS QUESTIONS of commercial value were being discussed by the International Literary Congress at Vienna, an absurd French delegate intruded upon the assembly a demand for a petition to the Czar for a pardon for an exiled Russian Socialist writer. The Russian delegates properly objected that any such action would make things too warm for them, personally, at home, and amid much confusion the meeting had to be adjourned.

FAMILY TENDENCIES intensify in old age, and Queen Victoria seems to be Germanizing with her increasing years. She goes to Scotland for the queer reason that Prince Albert thought that the Scotch bore a strong resemblance to the Germans, and she cannot be induced to go to Ireland because poor Pat does not look in the least like a Teuton. If she could only be made to see Fritz in Ireland it might have a beneficial effect upon the political situation.

POSSIBLY A FINE QUALITY of music may be looked for when the Senate meets, in case the Democrats undertake to elect a Secretary before swearing in the new Senators. It is understood that they will try to do this under the pretense that a Secretary is needed to complete the organization, or, in other words, to officially record the deliberations of the body. At first blush such a proposition sounds reasonable enough, but the Senate is an old fossil concern that goes on its own home-made precedents. If the Republican side urges precedent in the present case, it will soon appear that the Senate has on several occasions managed to pull through without any Secretary at all. When the first Secretary of the Senate, William Otis, died, there was a lapse of several weeks before any other recording officer, meanwhile entering the business on the journal.

In the Pickens case, it will also be remembered that the Chief Clerk acted in the deceased Secretary's place without any question having been raised.

So far as the Senate has precedents that might govern the approaching controversy, they are all against the Democratic pretensions.

THE VENERABLE DEFREES is to call an Old Pub. Func. The memory of man runneth not to the time when Defrees was not in office somewhere, drawing salary on some pretext. Nobody accuses Defrees of corruption. He was already too old to draw money from the Treasury when he was in office. The trouble with Defrees is simply that he has outlived his usefulness. We, being young, cannot remember personally when he was useful; but there is a dim tradition to that effect, and if there is one thing that we revere above another it is dim tradition. The Government Printing Office is a vast establishment, employing a great number of worthy people, who are entitled to every little immunity and privilege that inures to employees of the Government in any Department.

The theory that a clerk, male or female, in the Treasury at \$75 to \$150 per month, is in the eyes of the law, a being superior to a book-sticker or press-feder in the Government Printing Office at \$11 per week or so much by the piece, is an absurd theory and should be demolished. It is not merely a wrong but an outrage that the pay of one class of Government employees should be stopped during holidays, regular or special. What

Defrees should do, and what he ought to be made to do, is to allow their regular wages to those employees in the Printing Office who work by the week, and what is called "standing time" to those who work by the piece, for every day of idleness enforced by the closing of the establishment in respect to the memory of the late President. That this will be done as soon as Congress can be appealed to need not be doubted. But that will only half mend matters. Defrees himself will, in the meantime, have kept a great number of worthy, hard-working poor people out of money justly their due, causing them more or less inconvenience, if not positive suffering. A man incapable of appreciating the significance of facts like these is incompetent to control the earnings of the, at best, over-worked and under-paid employees of the Government Printing Office.

AMONG THE CEREMONIES yesterday over the grave of the dead President was the chanting of the 19th Ode of Horace in Latin by the German Harmonic Societies of Cleveland. The music of this celebrated production of the very finest artist who ever lived is as familiar to the memories of student life the world over as the Star Spangled Banner is to our people at large. There is a solemn and impressive, indeed an almost regal, grandeur in the air; and it was rendered yesterday by that trained Cleveland chorus with a never-to-be-forgotten effect.

The first verse in the original Latin is the most famous one of the Ode. It is as follows:

*Integer vitae, scelerisque purus,
Non eget Menia juvenis aculeo,
Non veniens gravida sagitta,
Pecce, pharetra.*

Translation—
"The man who is firm of life and pure of sin needs not, friend Fuscus, to be protected with Moorish javelins and bow, or quiver heavy with his poisoned shafts."
For two thousand years this triumphal statement of the old Roman poet has been echoed and re-echoed through Christendom, set to the music of martyrdom and hope. No proverb of Solomon deserves a higher place in the world's affections. But yesterday, when that solemn audience listened to the words of this ancient chant, what a mockery seemed to be the finest axioms of moral life and the most sterling dictums of philosophers. Here is a case in point that for centuries to come will figure in history as a startling refutation of the safety claimed for purity of character! Gen. Garfield was so utterly guileless in his purposes and disposition that the whole world, especially his countrymen, echoed the wail that came from his stricken old mother as she asked, "Why should any one want to shoot my boy?" How could it be that a man of his honest purposes and fine aspirations and gentle temperament was exposed to deadly attack? Where is our philosophy now? Where are the sage maxims and pious guides to a better life contained in the reflections of prophets and priests?

Purity of character should be its own body-guard, but it is not. Virtue should be its own reward, but it is not. The moral codes of the universe were shattered into fragments over Garfield's coffin yesterday, and the mourning world stops with bated breath beside his grave, to ask whether in the dreams of philosophers, the reveries of heroes, the ecstasies of saints, or the hymns of poets, there is any positive and exclusive secret whereby the honest man can find a way to walk the avenues of life without a loaded quiver by his side?

When raised into prominence, the very excellence and dignity of his character become the targets for public malice, and envy and plots. Like that old Athenian, who was tired of hearing Aristides called the Just, there are thousands to whom the very name and reputation of goodness become oppressive and hateful, and this feeling is nourished and cultivated in the breast of fanatics till it culminates in open hostility and crucifixion.

The Christian world recognizes one unalloyed source of comfort during all the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. The old time axioms have been infused with the breath of a higher hope and consolation. It is well for us, as we place a martyr to rest, that in place of the exploded theory that the pure in heart will need no Moorish javelins, we can substitute that later promise—"The pure in heart shall see God."

When We Are Gone.

Speaking of Henry J. Raymond, it seems sad that so brilliant and versatile a genius should so rapidly pass out of memory. Had he lived to the present day he would have been 61—not an old age, and generally one full of ripe wisdom. He had been dead 13 years, during which interval the family has been broken up, and the fortune which the admirable editor accumulated is scattered.

The Mild Ex-Confederate.

A very little howl over the next war, growing out of the Confederate Reminiscence at Moore's, is heard. Our great country, times as strong as when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, is in danger of destruction from the assault of a few scores of ex-rebels. It is ever thus when the bummers and camp-followers come to the front.

Morals for the Young.

Luther said: "If a man is not rich at 20, he is never rich at 40, and rich at 50, he will never be handsome, strong, learned, or rich in this world." If Luther had been too busy he might also have remarked that if a man is injured from a fourth-story window he was liable to sprain his ankle. It would have been fully as sensible.

Important if True.

There is a dog fight to come off next month, somewhere near Pittsburgh, upon which the owners of the animals wager \$1,000 a side. One is the fighting dog Pilot, owned by Charles Lloyd, and the other is Ketchikan, a white dog, of Louisville, Ky. Pilot is an English dog, and comes from a long race of fighting dogs.

A Harmless Wife.

All the food eaten by the Czar of Russia is sampled by an attendant of the palace before it is served. One day the Czar's attendant, who was the gentleman occupying this position, Mrs. Komarov never attempts to make a mistake.

A Scientific Curiosity.

Prof. Bell's indicator, which gave the alarm as "nearly" when passed over the region of the groin, and locating the ball, but not directly, ought to be exhibited as a curiosity.

Hunt It Down.

Griffen is said to be offended because his attendants fail to show him the proper amount of respect. Probably these attendants are hotel waiters in disguise.

Not at Home to John.

Chicago Times. John Sherman will probably be as much of a stranger to the White House during the next four years as Roscoe Conkling was during Hayes' term.

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